

Name of the project	Benefits (MW)
Paras Ext U-2	250
Bhopalapally (Kaktiya)	500
Vijaywada Tpp	500
Bellary Tps U-2	500
Raichur U 8	250
Valuthur Extn.	92
Bakreshwar U-5	210
Lakwa Wh	37.2
Dimapur Dg	23
Raigarh Ph II	750
Pathadi (Lanco) U1	300
Pathadi (Lanco) U2	300
Sugen Torrent	752
Trombay Tps	250
Budge-budge Ext	250
Sub-total Thermal	15654
Nuclear Projects	
Rapp U5&6	440
Kudankulam U 1,2	2000
Pfbr (Kalapakkam)	500
Kaiga U-4	220
Sub Total Nuclear	3160
Total 11th Plan Under Construction	30834
Total Under Construction	43732
(November, 2006—March, 2012)	

Facilities for areas adjoining Tehri Dam

†2058. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the position of the Pratap Nagar region etc. due to the forming of a large lake there as a result of the construction of Tehri Dam;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the measures taken by the Government to connect these areas to the main roads; and

(c) the arrangements made by Government to provide foodgrains etc. at the reasonable prices to the residents of this region?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) In order to provide connectivity to people of Pratap Nagar/Gajna areas, two medium motor vehicle bridges have been constructed, one each on Bhagirathi and Bhilangana rivers at a cost of Rs. 30 crores. While the Bridge at Piplaldal (on Bhilangana) is operational, the Siyasu Bridge (on Bhagirathi) is complete but would be operational for vehicular traffic once the approaches are completed. An additional amount of Rs. 13 crores has also been provided for connectivity of roads to the Pratap Nagar/Gajna areas. Further, free Boat services have been put in operation at Project cost for the people of Bhildiana till the Siyasu Bridge is operational.

A heavy motor bridge at Dobra costing around Rs. 90 crores has also taken up for construction by the State Government.

It has also been decided by the State Government that the additional cost of transportation of essential commodities for the increased distance of travel shall be borne by the State Government. There would be no increase in the cost of food grains on account of additional transportation upto the godowns and kerosene oil would be maintained at the subsidized price by the State Government.

Development of Information Technology and Bio-technology

2059. **SHRI HARISH RAWAT:** Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Information Technology and Bio-technology are the two most important pillars of development in the 21st Century;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to popularize the application of Bio-technology in the field of rural development to alleviate poverty and to generate more employment opportunities for poor masses; and

(c) the future plans of Uttaranchal in the field of Bio-technology?